

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28 and 29 remain pending in the present application, claims 6-8, 11-13, 17, 18, 21-23 and 27 being canceled herein.

Claims 6-8, 11-13, 17, 18, 21-23 and 27 in view of Iyengar

In the Office Action, claims 6-8, 11-13, 17, 18, 21-23 and 27 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,546,241 to Iyengar et al. ("Iyengar").

Claims 6-8, 11-13, 17, 18, 21-23 and 27 are canceled herein to advance the prosecution of the instant application.

All claims subject to this rejection being canceled, it is respectfully requested that the rejection now be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 29 over Iyengar in view of Rydbeck; claims 14, 15, 24, 25 and 28 over Iyengar in view of Rostoker; and claims 9, 10, 19 and 20 over Iyengar in view of Wingate

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Iyengar in view of Rydbeck (WO 99143136) ("Rydbeck"); claims 14, 15, 24, 25 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Iyengar in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,035,212 to Rostoker ("Rostoker"); and claims 9, 10, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Iyengar in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,006,115 to Wingate ("Wingate"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Iyengar is not available as prior art with respect to 35 USC 103(a), as Iyengar and the present invention were both owned, or subject to an obligation of assignment, by the same person. In particular, when the present invention was made (before the filing date of November 23, 1999), both Iyengar and the present invention were owned by LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES INC. (Note that subsequent to the filing of the present invention, LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES INC. spun off the group AGERE SYSTEMS INC., which continues to own both IYENGAR and the present invention.

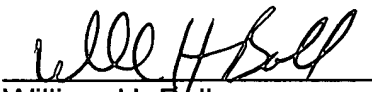
Iyengar being unavailable as prior art with respect to any obviousness-type rejection, the present rejections cannot stand on Rydbeck, Rostoker, or Wingate alone.

For these and other reasons, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28 and 29 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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